Eco-city Project

3708. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of Eco-City Project;

(b) the places which have been taken up under this project, State-wise; and

(c) how much amount has been spent, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (c) The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has taken up Eco-City Project in towns of Kottayam (Kerala), Puri (Orissa), Thanjavour (Tamil Nadu), Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh). Ujjain (Madhya Pradesh) and Vrindavan (Uttar Pradesh). The objective of Eco-City Project is to demonstrate verifiable environmental improvement in the core area of selected towns. For environmental improvement, the project includes various schemes of improvement in traffic systems, maintenance of drains, solid waste management, plantation and landscaping and other relevant schemes. So far, town-wise status of funds released under the Scheme is as follow:—

Kottayam		Rs. 21,55,000.
Tirupati		Rs. 49,34,700.
Vrindavan		Rs. 43.00,000.
Ujjain		Rs. 67,41,000.
Puri		Rs. 55,53,300.
Thanjavour	So far,	no funds released.

Protection of inmates of zoos/wildlife sanctuaries from heat

3709. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many parts of India is going to face more scorching summer in coming days;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure adequate availability of water and power for protection of inmates of various zoos and wildlife sanctuaries in those areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) As per the climatological features of the hot weather season (the period of March to